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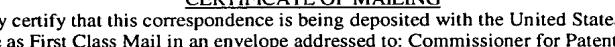
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Application No. 10/816,432) Art Unit: 1746
Filed: March 31, 2004) Docket No. LAM2P463
For: SUBSTRATE BRUSH SCRUBBING AND) Date: September 12, 2005
PROXIMITY CLEANING-DRYING)
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References K3 (JP08277486), L3 (JP05837190), and M3 (JP02280330) cited on sheet three of the Form 1449 are in the Japanese language. Corresponding English language abstracts have been enclosed herewith. Furthermore, Reference O3 is an English summary of Reference L3 (JP05837190). The Applicants respectfully submit that the English language abstracts and the English summary are general representations of what the respective

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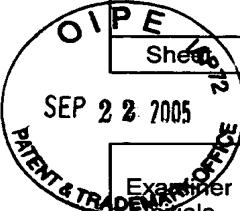


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